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1. A foreign ship entering or leaving the port of Burgas is guided in or out of the harbor by a civilian pilot who is accompanied by a uniformed officer, either a lieutenant or captain. 25X1
2. A security team boards the ship shortly after its arrival and just prior to its departure. It consists of the following personnel:
 - a. One captain, probably the Port Security Officer, in command; 25X1
 - b. Six lieutenants and four enlisted men in uniform;
 - c. Two enlisted men in overalls; 25X1
 - d. Three customs officers, two in uniform and one in overalls; and
 - e. Three civilians, a physician and two representatives of the INFLOT shipping agency. 25X1
3. The control team examined members of the crew in the officers' lounge. While the physician made throat examinations and took the pulse, the captain checked individual crew members off against the crew list and photographs in their sailors' books. The list and the books were retained by the security team who returned them a few hours later with shore passes. During the examination, one of the security officials rendered the wireless transmitter inoperative by connecting its aerial with the iron body of the apparatus and sealing it off with lead. A customs official sealed all cameras and binoculars and envelopes containing the crew's money in a cupboard.
4. After completing the examination of the crew, the security team divided into three groups composed of three men each to search the ship. With the exception of a crew member who accompanied each search party and two machinists who remained in the engine room, the entire crew, under sentry guard, stayed in the officers' lounge. The search, perfunctory in nature and aimed at locating possible infiltrators, lasted one hour. No surprise checks or searches were effected while the ship was anchored at Burgas.

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5. The offices of the shipping agency INFLOT are in the town of Burgas. Business with incoming ships is effected through the visits of INFLOT officials to the ships and through the masters' visits to the INFLOT offices. INFLOT officials supply local currency to crews of foreign ships, and money not spent must be returned to INFLOT before sailing. 25X1
6. Foreign sailors in Burgas encounter opportunities for black market business, principally in cigarettes and nylon stockings. A pair of nylon stockings brings between 60 and 70 leva. The official rate of exchange of the leva is 6.80 to the dollar, while the black market rate is 8-10 leva to the dollar.
7. The local security regulations demand that all foreign crews, when debarking, proceed through the customs house to the exit gate. It is, however, possible to evade this rule because of the many railroad tracks and stacks of cargo in the port area. Once ashore, the movement of foreign sailors is not restricted, and no surveillance has been observed. Contact between foreign sailors and local inhabitants, including prostitutes, is normal. Although sailors are normally supposed to return to their ships by midnight, this rule is not rigidly enforced, and the Port Security Officer has the authority to extend or curtail sailors' shore leave at will. 25X1
example, only receive shore passes until 10 p.m.
8. There is a dredger in operation in the harbor. No booms, shore-based radar or mines have been observed in the port area. There is, however, a mine field dating from World War II a few miles off Burgas.
9. The offices of the Harbor Master and the pilot are probably in the building of the port administration. The coast guard station is located on the breakwater. Atop a small tower is a light gun, mounted on a concrete platform. Next to the tower is a shed for the personnel, equipped with an aerial. It is believed that the station can be approached from the shore whether on foot or on a bicycle along the breakwater.

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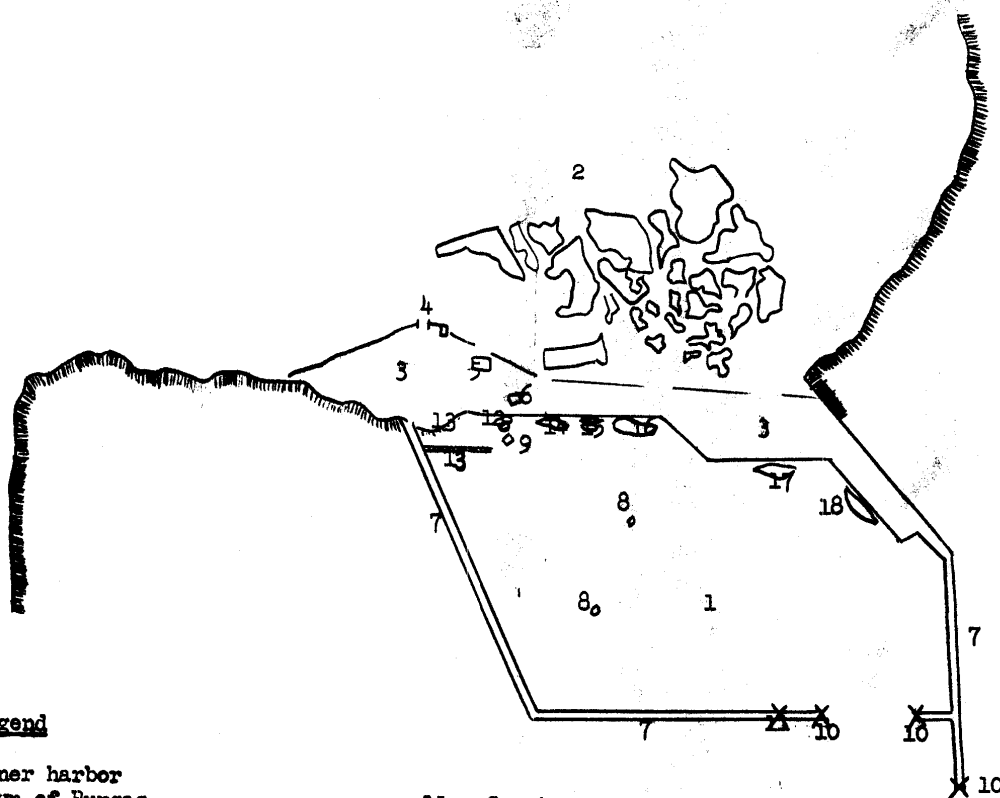
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Port of Burgas

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1. Inner harbor
2. Town of Burgas
3. Port area
4. Port exit gate
5. Port administration building
6. Customs house
7. Breakwater
8. Buoys
9. Dredger in operation
10. Light towers

11. Coast guard tower and shed
12. Two Police motor boats
13. Fishing boats

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